Posters appealing to join Khalistan armed police in Gurdaspur District

2210 SHRI M KADHARSHA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that extremists have set up Khalistan Armed Police,

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that in Gurdaspur District posters appealing the youth to join Khalistan Armed Police have appeared;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an extremist Group has again gone to Pakistan to expedite supply of arms and ammunition, and

(d) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, the report in the press in the matter has not been confirmed so far

(c) and (d) Government have received reports in this regard and the authorities concerned have been alerted and directed to maintain close watch

US offer of collaboration in manufacturing light combat aircraft

2211. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the U S. Government has offered to collaborate in the manufacture of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and also to modernise the Indian defence forces,

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating the terms and conditions enjoined with this offer, and

(c) whether Government have considered the US offer; if so, what is the decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) The US Government has proposed defence technology cooperation as a "Mission Area" in Aeronautics/LCA and Government of India is considering acquisition of selected technologies/systems, not related directly to any single aircraft

(b) and (c) The purchase of 11 GE 404 Engines as Interim Power System for the LCA has been approved by the Government. As far as other technologies/systems are concerned, the matter is under the consideration of Government

Mishaps in the Talcher Heavy Water Plant

2212 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of serious and minor mishaps which took place in the Talcher Heavy Water Plant since 1972,

(b) what is the extent of loss suffered as a result thereof and the period by which the plants commissioning has been delayed thereby, stating the cost escalation as against the original estimate, and

(c) whether Government have made any indepth study of the problems being faced by the said plant, if so, what are the details thereof, stating the steps taken by Government to overcome these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN) (a) and (b) An explosion followed by fire took place on April 29, 1986 and a minor incident of ignition of hydrogen on September 1, 1985. These resulted in a loss of about Rs. 40.00 lakhs. Since both these incidents occurred after the commit-